

Read Me First!

Background:

SEVIS II interactive tutorials were first introduced at the 2012 NAFSA Conference and were used to support the presentations delivered by SEVP throughout the conference. They demonstrated SEVIS II functionality from the perspectives of a nonimmigrant, a School Official, and a Sponsor Official and were received with enthusiasm by conference participants. Not wanting to limit the interaction with SEVIS II to conference participants only, SEVP has posted them on this website. By following the instructions below, you will be able to access the tutorials and get an idea of how SEVIS II will look and feel once it is deployed.

The Software:

The tutorials have limited functionality and will only work for the tasks as they are written.

Individual screens are static (i.e. this is not a live system) and there is limited navigation you can perform outside of individual tutorials.

You do not have to populate every field on the screen – that process would be too time consuming. You may enter the information as defined by the user guides or tab through the fields and simply leave them blank.

The Data:

We would like to introduce you to Teleza Okonkwo and Marie Dupont. They are fictional nonimmigrants whose F1 and J1 activities are documented throughout the tutorials. Mock data was pre-populated to reflect the life events of Teleza and Marie so you can see the results firsthand when SEVIS II users add, update, validate, edit, and submit information on nonimmigrants. The tutorials are true to life and realistically reflect the activities of, and changes made on behalf of F, M, and J nonimmigrants.

There are also a number of modules that demonstrate for the user how to access information on their schools and programs and how to make changes to their institutional record. These modules have also been pre-populated with mock school and program information.

Before You Begin:

There are three (3) tasks you must complete **before** you can begin to use the tutorials:

- Task 1: Download and install the iRise Reader Software
- Task 2: Open and Save the Tutorial Files
- **Task 3:** Open, Save, and Print the User Guides

The following tutorials are available for your use:

Nonimmigrant

- Create a Customer Account
- View My FMJ Record
- View an F-2 FMJ Record

School Official

- View My Home Page and the School Summary Page
- Create a Certificate of Eligibility
- Register a Specific Student
- Register a Group of Students
- Correct Reporting and Registration Information
- Authorize CPT
- Add Dependents
- Extend Program
- Shorten Program

Sponsor Official

- Request Annual Allotment
- Request Program Expansion
- Correct Program Start/End Date
- Generate Annual Report
- Make Payment
- Matriculation
- Create COE
- Submit Redesignation
- Student Employment
- Update Program Information
- Update Site of Activity
- Validate
- View and Exchange Visitor Record
- View Program Summary Page

How We Got Here:

The tutorials are reflective of months of work by the SEVIS II Requirements team to document the new and/or improved functionality of SEVIS II. Through a process called "visualization", they were able to design how information is presented on individual screens and how the underlying business processes would function and flow. A team of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) each brought their unique perspectives to this process and include industry professionals from the fields of Program Management, Data Requirements, Information Technology, and Technical Writing and Training. Former PDSOs and ROs currently on the SEVIS II staff validated processes and ensured that the functionality required by schools and sponsors was relevant, inclusive of day-to-day tasks, accurate, and performed as required.

The Requirements team used a software named iRise to replicate SEVIS II functionality by modeling the appropriate sequence of individual screens for different processes in SEVIS II and grouping them together. A cross-section of these process flows was identified and developed into interactive tutorials.

This method of data gathering and design represents innovative technology in its approach to the development of software. Errors can be identified and resolved long before software coding even begins – saving time and money and eliminating many of the issues that often come with the release of new software.

iRise Reader Software

Download and install the iRise Reader Software to Access SEVIS II Tutorials

Introduction:

iRise Reader software provides you with the ability to try out SEVIS II long before coding even begins. You will be able to interact with simulations of SEVIS II tasks to get an idea how SEVIS II will look and feel before it is released.¹

In order to view and work through the SEVIS II tutorial, you must first install, on your computer, the required iRise Reader software. Follow the instructions to complete this task.

Windows - Minimum System Requirements:

- Operating System: Microsoft Windows operating systems
- CPU: 1GHz Pentium IV (or equivalent)
- System RAM: 512MB; 2 GB for Mac running virtual Windows (32 bit)
- Browsers: Internet Explorer 6*, 7, or 8, Firefox 3.5, Safari 4, Chrome 8
- *Internet Explorer 6 is only supported for iRise versions prior to 8.5

Mac – Minimum System Requirements:

OS: Mac OS x 10.6 (with Java 10.6 Update 3 or later)

CPU: Intel Processor

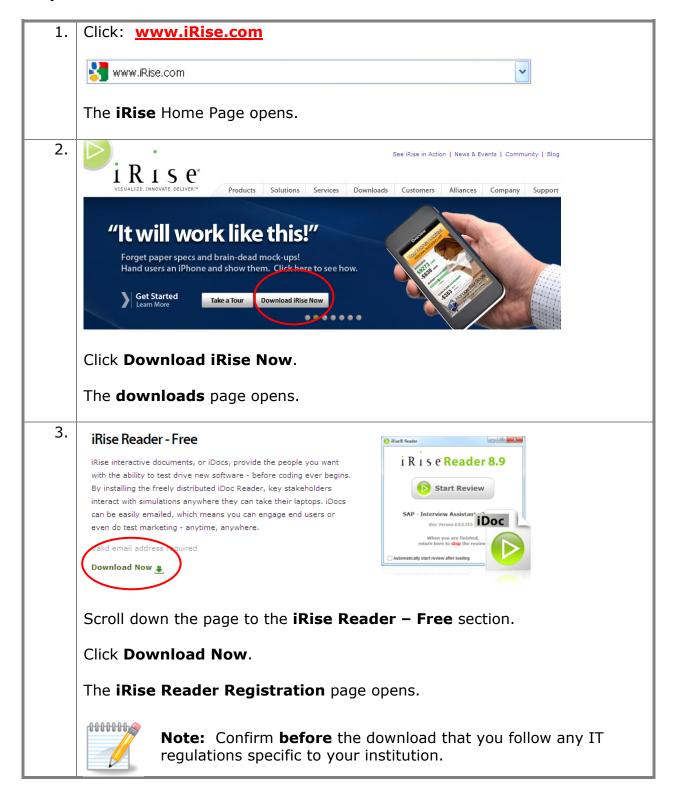
System RAM: 1GB

■ Hard Drive: 250MB

Browsers: Firefox 3.5, Safari 5, Chrome 10

¹ Review Pages 1 and 2 entitled *Read Me First* for information about the functionality limitations of the SEVIS II preview tutorials.

Step 1 – Download and Save iRise Reader Software:



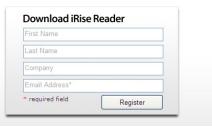
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iRise Reader

Review and Comment on iRise Simulations

iRise Reader is a free product that allows anyone to interact with IRise simulations using IRise iDocs. iDocs are completely self-contained simulations that can be exported from IRise Studio and emailed to reviewers. Reader allows you to interact with the simulation, post comments, and even tie feedback to specific widgets on the page.



Complete the registration information:

- 1. **Type** your First Name.
- 2. **Type** your Last Name.
- 3. **Type** your Company (or school) name if appropriate.
- 4. **Type** your Email Address Required.

Click **Register**.

The License Agreement Opens. Click I Accept.

The **Download iRise Reader** window opens.

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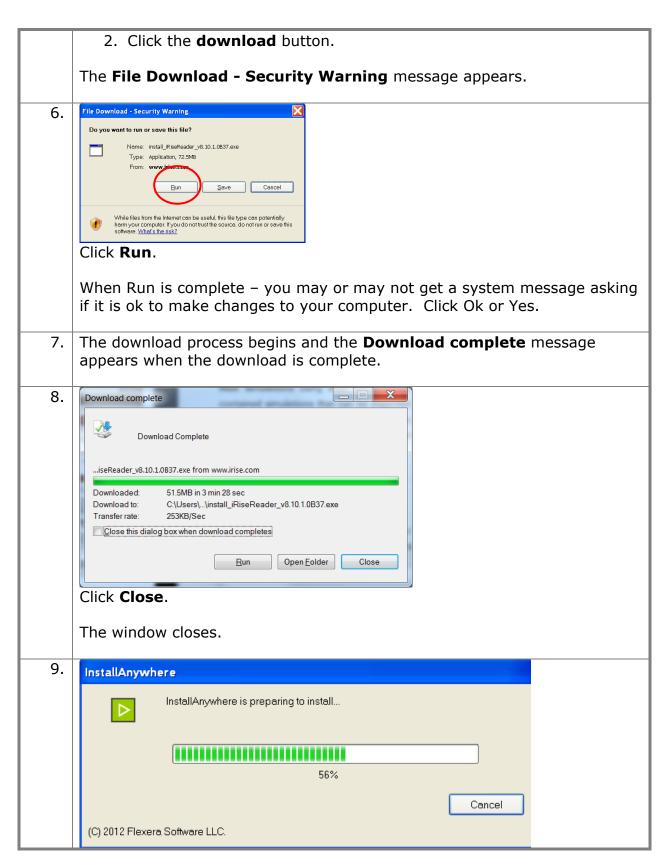
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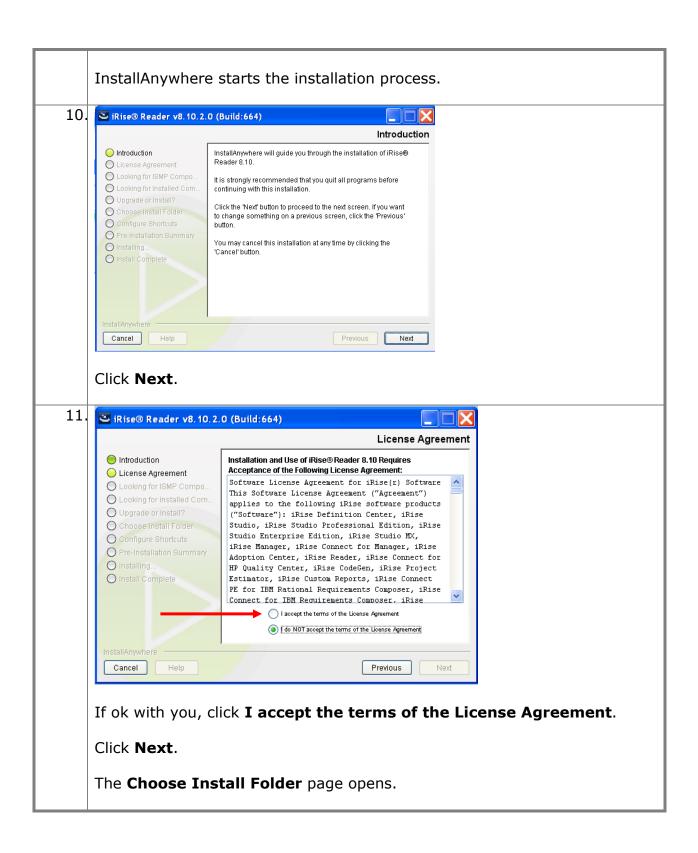
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1. Select the default of **v8.10.2 –Win- Jul 10 2012** (if you are using a p.c.; if not, use the drop-down list to select an appropriate version).





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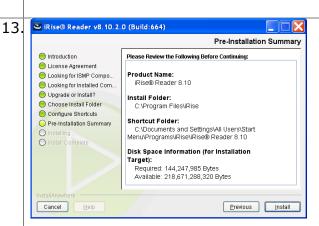
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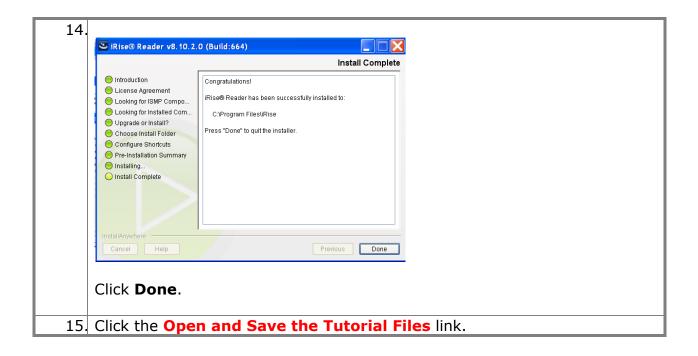
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The **Pre-Installation Summary** page opens.



Click Install.

The **Install Complete** page opens.



Step 2 – Open and Save the Tutorial Files:

iRise Tutorial Files are iDoc files and are displayed with this graphic (iDoc). Click the **Open and Save the Tutorial files** link. 2. 3. Double-click the file you want to open: 1. Nonimmigrant 2. School Official 3. Sponsor Official The file opens. **Save** the files to your computer. 4. **Note:** Save the tutorial files in a location where they can be 0000000 easily located and retrieved. A **Documents** folder may be the best location to store the tutorial files. The files are saved to the designated location. Click the **To Open, Save, and Print the User Guides** link.

Step 3 - To Open, Save, and Print the User Guides:

- 1. Click **Tutorial User Guides** to open the user guides.
- 2. Double-click the file you want to open:
 - 1. Nonimmigrant User Guide
 - 2. School Official User Guide
 - 3. Sponsor Official User Guide

Save any of the files to your computer.



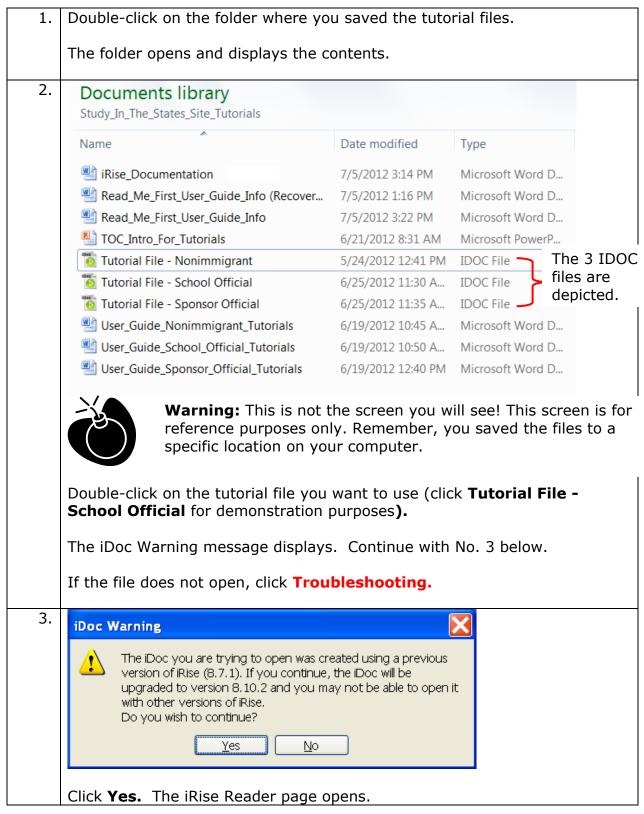
Note: A **Documents** folder may be the best location to store the User Guides.

3. **Print** the file for easy reference.

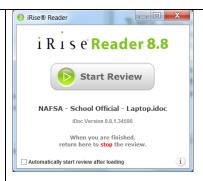
You are now ready to start the process of opening the tutorials and using them interactively.

4. Click the **To Open and Interact with the Tutorials** link.

To Open and Interact with the Tutorials:



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Click Start Review.

The **School Official Laptop Home Page** opens and all the available tasks for that tutorial display.

5.



Double-click on the link of the scenario you want to review.

- View My Home Page and the School Summary Page
- Create a Certificate of Eligibility
- Register a Specific Student
- Register a Group of Students
- Correct Reporting and Registration Information
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The tutorial opens.

You can now reference the associated **User Guide** for step-by-step directions on how to complete the task(s).

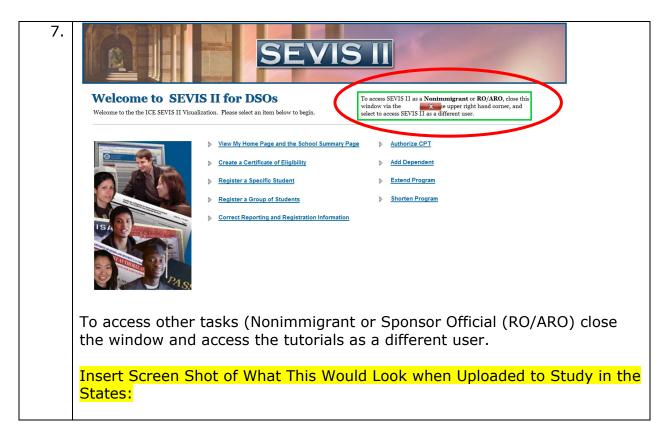


Warning: There is limited software functionality associated with each tutorial. If you waiver from the User Guide directions (and start randomly clicking through pages), you may find the tutorial becomes non-functional. Click **Read Me First**.



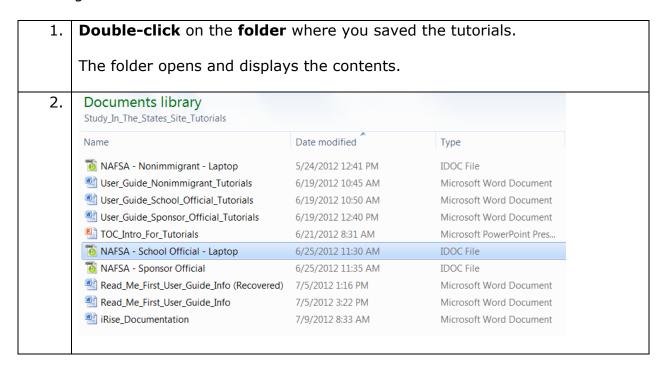
To return to the Launch Page and access another tutorial within the School Official module, click the **Return to Launch Page** link.

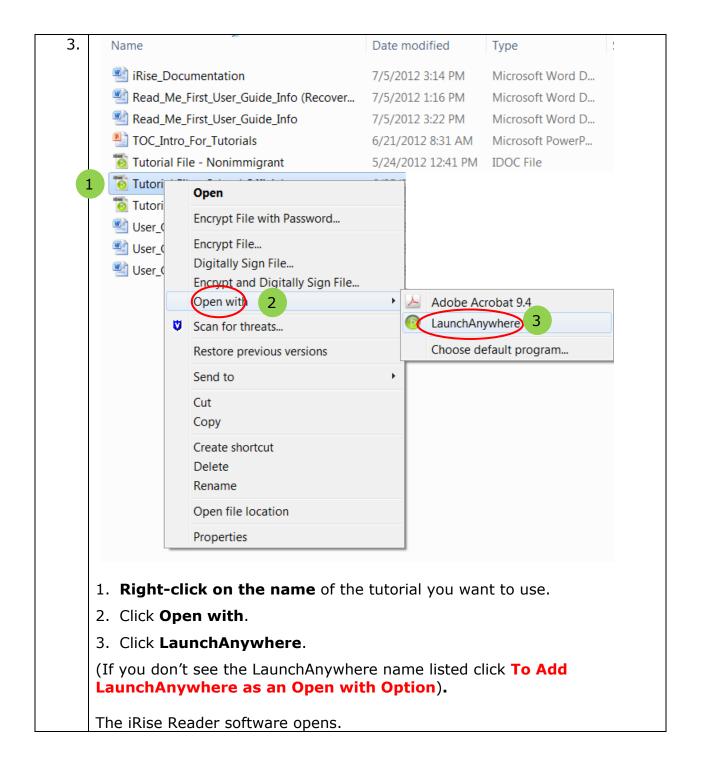
The **School Official Tutorial Home Page** reopens and you can select another task to review.

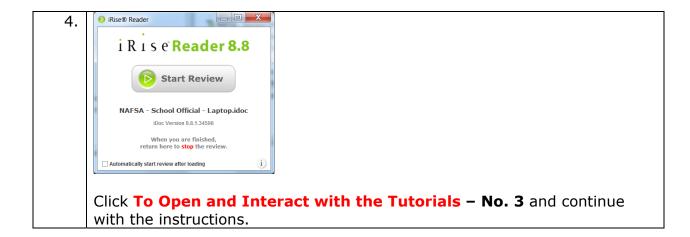


Troubleshooting

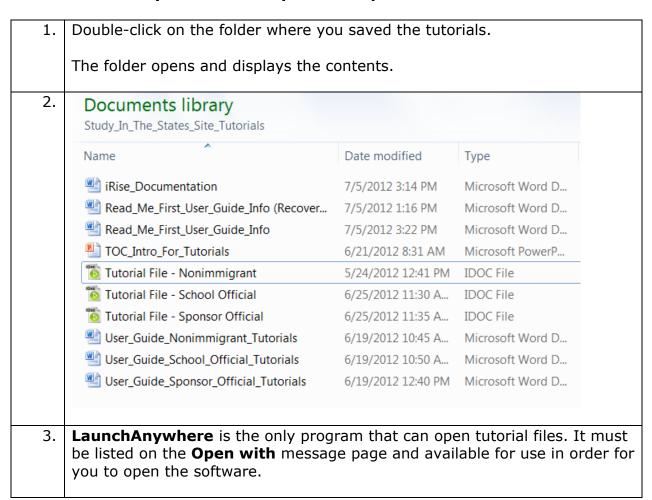
If the tutorial you select does not open when you double-click on its name – try the following.

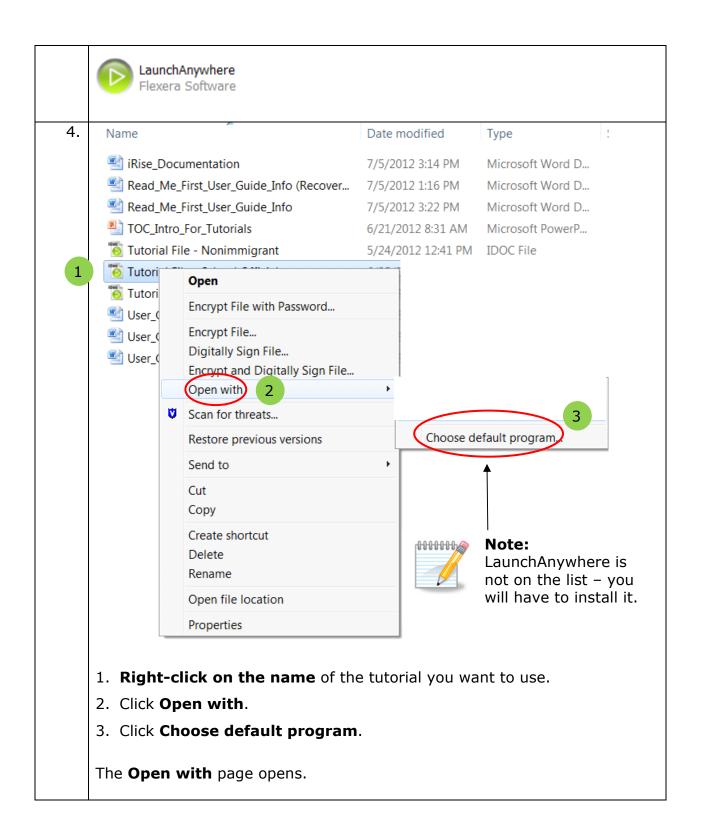




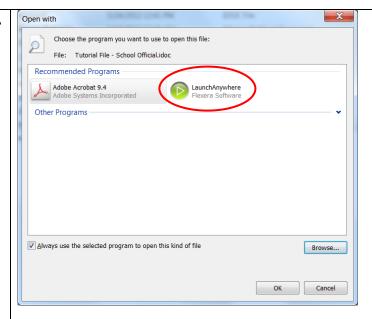


To Add LaunchAnywhere as an Open with Option:





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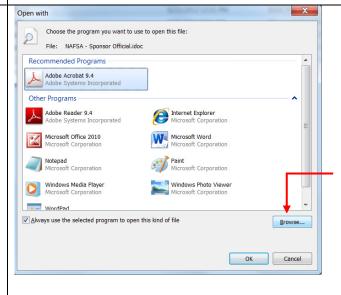
Click LaunchAnywhere.

Click OK.

Click To Open and Interact with the Tutorials.

If LaunchAnywhere is not listed as a Recommended Program see No. 6 below.

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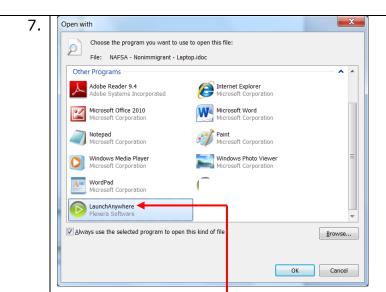


The LaunchAnywhere software is required to open the tutorial files, and it is not listed on the page indicating it is not active and available for use.

Click **Browse** to start the installation process.

Click the following sequence to install LaunchAnywhere.

Browse/ Program Files/ iRise / Reader / iRise Reader



LaunchAnywhere is activated and you can now start to use the tutorials.

Click To Open and Use the Tutorials.

The LaunchAnywhere program is now listed on the Open with list.

